

**REMARKS**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 1, 2005. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicant cancels Claims 10-27 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-9 are directed to allowable subject matter. All rejected claims have been canceled in order to advance prosecution. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully contends that all pending claims are currently in condition for allowance.

**Specification Objections**

The Office Action objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure. Pursuant to the request of the Examiner, Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure by deleting the last sentence of the Abstract.

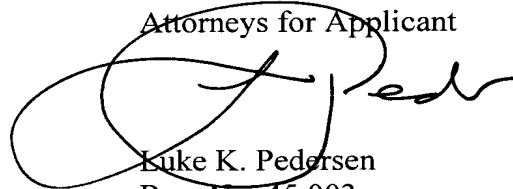
**Conclusions**

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **50-2148** of **Baker Botts L.L.P.**

Respectfully submitted,

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